

Intimation.

EYE-SIGHT.

NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 130).

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting the eye, and in the case of those having some deficiency in the construction of the eye, the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.

HONGKONG HOTEL,
(Room No. 130).

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1871)

Advertisements.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

"AND ALL THAT THE WORDS IMPLY,"

LATE

VICTORIA HALL,
DUDELL STREET.

Afternoon Sessions—from 4.30 to 7 P.M.
Evening Sessions—from 8.30 to 12 P.M.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NIGHTS
EVERY WEDNESDAY.

The HONGKONG REGIMENTAL BAND
will be in attendance.

A FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL will take
place on FRIDAY, the 11th December.

PRICES:—Stalls and Admission \$1.00
Admission 50

N.B.—The Management reserves the right of
refusing Admission.

SAM MARKS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1896. (1876)

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON
FRIDAY, the 11th December, 1896,
at 3 o'clock P.M., on the Premises,

IN ONE LOT,
THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY,

Consisting of:—
INLAND LOT No. 437 and INLAND LOT
No. 661.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to

K. W. MOUNSEY,
Solicitor for the Vendor,
51 and 53, Queen's Road Central,
or to

C. EWENS,
Solicitor,
36, Queen's Road Central,
or to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1870)

CHRISTMAS SALE OF TOYS, &c.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON
SATURDAY, the 12th December, 1896,
commencing at 4.30 P.M.
at his SALES ROOMS, DUDELL STREET.

A LARGE AND SPLENDID COLLECTION
OF
TOYS AND FANCY GOODS,
Comprising:—
CLOCKWORK and MECHANICAL TOYS,
DOLLS, DOLLS' FURNITURE, MAGIC
LANTERNS, &c.

AND
TOYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION and in
GREAT VARIETY, which will be put up in
Suitable Lots.

COME AND SEE!!
On View from FRIDAY, the 11th December,
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.

GEORGE P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1875)

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA,
KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signatures, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (14)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

TO APPEAR SHORTLY.

"SPORT AND GOSSIP,"

FOUNDED BY "DAYBREAK."

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, printed on
SATURDAY EVENING and published
every SUNDAY MORNING, conducted by a
Professional Journalist, and devoted to RACING,
HUNTING, THEATRICALS, FOOTBALL, CRICKET,
TENNIS, ROWING, ATHLETICS, GOLF, SWIM-
MING, YACHTING, SHOOTING, GOSPEL on all
topics and GENERAL SPORTS and PASTIMES in
SHANGHAI, the CHINA PORT, and at HOME.

All communications regarding advertisements,
&c., should be addressed to

The Publishers,

"SPORT & GOSSIP,"

c/o North-China Daily News,

Shanghai, 10th November, 1896. (176)

To-day's
Advertisements.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

AT A MEETING of the MEMBERS of
former Committee of ST. GEORGE'S
HALL, held at Government House on the 4th
Instant it was decided to hold a ST. GEORGE'S
BALL on the 21st January, 1897, if a sufficient
number of Englishmen subscribed.
From To-day, and for 14 days afterwards,
Subscription Lists will be found in the CLUBS
and other places.
Dues notice will be given of any further action
taken.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Hon. Secretary,
St. George's Ball Provisional Committee.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1872)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN
HEINRICH NORTHMANN, MERCHANT,
ASSISTANT, LATE OF VICTORIA, IN THE
COLONY OF HONGKONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honor
JOHN WARRILL CARRINGTON, C.M.G.,
D.C.L., Chief Justice, has, by virtue of
Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an
Order limiting to the 15th January, 1897, the
time for sending in CLAIMS against the said
Estate.

All CREDITORS are hereby required to send
their CLAIMS to the Underclerk before the
said date.

Dated the 26th November, 1896.

J. W. NORTON KYSHE,
Registrar
and Official Administrator.

PRESEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1165.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 15th
Instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1874)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHEFOO,
via SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUI,"
Captain Vaughan, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1855)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"SINGAN,"
Captain Jamieson, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1876)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUNAN,"
Captain Frazier, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1863)

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain Robinson, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1867)

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1868)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"
Captain Blackburn, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1857)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"
Captain G. Ramsay, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1859)

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ACAMEMNON,"
Captain Stevens, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1877)

To-day's
Advertisements.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business at NOON on THURSDAY and FRI-
DAY, the 10th and 11th Instant, respectively:—
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
M. LAZARUS,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHARTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
S. CHOTZ,
Agent.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. (1873)

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a dis-
tinguished English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1896. (427)

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscrip-
tions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to "The Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for
publication, but as evidence of good faith.

The columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open for the free discussion of questions of public interest,
but the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
statements thus expressed.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND

SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896.

BIRTH.
At Rankow, November 27th, the wife of
JOSEPH S. ADAMS, American Baptist Missionary
Union, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1896.

AN EXPLANATION.

With reference to our statement in
yesterday's Telegraph, when commenting
on the previous day's proceedings in
Council, that neither the Honourable C. P.
CHATER nor Dr. Ho Kai, when discussing
Mr. WHITEHEAD's letter on the Gap Rock
Light Dues, had stated "that they had a
little conversation with the Governor in
his private office a few minutes before the
Council met," Mr. CHATER informs us that
neither he nor Dr. Ho Kai had any inter-
view with His Excellency the Governor
before the meeting of the Council on
Thursday last, nor so far as Mr. CHATER
is concerned, any communication with him
on the subject of Mr. WHITEHEAD's letter;
Mr. CHATER was first on the ground. Dr.
Ho Kai came afterwards and announced his
intention of speaking on the subject. Mr.
CHATER questioned the propriety of his
so doing. Mr. BEZILIOS joined in the
discussion later on. The Colonial Secre-
tary coming up was referred to by Dr.
Ho Kai, and he went in and obtained for
Dr. Ho Kai, at the request of the Honour-
able Member, permission to address the
Council.

Mr. CHATER desires us to state that
up to the moment of the Governor's
rising to lay the papers concerning the
Gap Rock Light Dues on the table, he
(Mr. CHATER) had no idea of what was
going to be said or done, and that he was
not acting in concert with His Excellency
or with Dr. Ho Kai. Mr. CHATER does
not in any way repudiate what he said in
Council; he only desires to have it made
abundantly clear that he was not acting
in this particular matter in concert with
any one, or in virtue of any pre-arranged
scheme.

We regret that we should have
been unwittingly led into making a state-
ment not founded on fact, but we beg to
assure Mr. CHATER that when we penned
it we had every reason to believe that he
and Dr. Ho Kai had had an interview with
His Excellency just before the meeting of
Council. His statement on the subject,
however, is too clear and too categorical
to leave any doubt on the subject.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE COST OF THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Alexandria Court of Appeal has condemned
the Egyptian Government to refund the £100,000
used for the Dongola Campaign and to pay all
costs. Lord Cromer has informed the Khedive
that Great Britain is prepared to advance the
money.

MASSACRE OF ITALIANS IN SOMALI-
LAND.

The Italian Consul, Signor Cecchi, the
Captains and six Officers of the Italian warship,
Volturno and Staphila, who went on an
excursion outside Magadodo into Somaliland,
accompanied by seventy Askaris, have been mas-
sacred, together with thirty of the escort.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is proposed to hold a St. George's Ball on the
22nd prox. *Vide* advt.

THE British cruiser Spartan left Wuhu bound
for Shanghai on the 28th ult.

THE United States cruiser Yorktown, from
Korea, arrived at Shanghai on the 29th ult.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will
be held on Monday, the 7th inst., when the Bills
that were read a first time last Thursday will be
further considered.

THE Royal Engineers played an Association
match against H. Company West Yorkshire
Regiment this afternoon at Happy Valley, the
result being a victory for the R. E.'s by 2 goals
to nil.

THE Anglo-American agreement with regard to
the disputed boundary between British Guleana
and Venezuela stipulates that the arbitration
proceedings shall be completed by the 9th
February 1897.

TAOTAI LO FENG-LU has been appointed Minister
to Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium,
in succession to Kung Chao-yuan. The new
Minister was Secretary to Li Hung-chang on his
recent European tour.

THE Hongkong Rovers Cricket Club suffered
their usual defeat this afternoon at Happy
Valley, their opponents being D. Company of
the West Yorkshire Regiment, who won by 53
runs to the Rovers' 49.

THE Mission steam-launch Day Spring will
 sail alongside any vessel hoisting the answering
 pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday,
 to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service
 returning about 12.30 p.m.

Mr. Rich Georg in his *Share List* issued
 to-day states that the earnings of the Dock
 Company for October amounted to \$95,000 net—
 undoubtedly a very satisfactory result. The
 Company's hands, he adds, are "full of paying
 work."

The third race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht
 Club will be sailed to-morrow. The course to be
 sailed is No. 18, from mark boat off Lyceum
 (port), Kowloon Rock (port), No. 1 Dock Buoy
 (port), mark boat off Lyceum (port), Kowloon
 Rock (port) a total distance of 16 miles.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and
 China at Shanghai is, says the *North China
 Daily News*, about to make an issue of dollar
 notes. The first issue will probably amount to
 five lakhs, or half-a-million of dollars. Specu-
 lators of the proposed issue have already reached
 Shanghai.

THE Sydney Herald reports that at the invita-
 tion of Captain J. Jones, of the steamer Yama-
 shiro Maru, the last boat of the new Japanese
 line of steamers, a party of leading business men
 landed on board on the 13th Nov. and at the
 instance of Captain Corrie drank success to the
 company and the new line.

An Australian Press despatch of the 12th ulto.
 states that the Russian press is urging the
 establishment of a relief fund in Russia for the
 Hindus suffering from the effects of the famine
 in India. Renter, however, reported on the 1st
 instant that the Moscow *Dobroe Goshilo*
 "strongly protests against the Russian Govern-
 ment organizing relief for the famine in India."
 Awfully unkind is it not!

News has been received that Captain Deary, 16th
 Lancers, who started from Kashmir in April last
 to explore the sources of the Mekong, Irrawaddy
 and other rivers, has been obliged to return to
 Lash owing to difficulties of transport. Captain
 Welby, 18th Hussars, who left Kashmir with
 Captain Malcolm, of the Argyll and Sutherland
 Highlanders, about the same time, is reported to
 have reached Lanchell.

Mr. N. Lazarus, the well-known optician, and
 principal of the firm of Lazarus & Co., of
 London, Calcutta and Melbourne, is at present
 in Hongkong, and those who are in any
 way troubled with defective vision would do well
 to consult him. In Australia, India and other
 parts of the world Mr. Lazarus's skill in remedy-
 ing eye-troubles is warmly recognised and
 immense numbers of serious cases have been
 successfully dealt with by him. His stay here
 is limited now to a few days, and we can recom-
 mend his system of visual tests and his correc-
 tive glasses as invaluable to any who have the
 misfortune to suffer from impaired sight.

THERE has been only a moderate business done
 in the share market during the past week and,
 according to Mr. Erich Georg, only at rates
 which show but few changes. In reference to
 mining shares the same authority states Panjoms
 sold at \$11, \$12, and \$13 for ordinaries and
 \$1.90 and \$2 for preference shares, the market
 closing with a few cash shares offering at \$13
 for ord. aries and \$4 for preferences, while
 \$1.90 is obtainable for the latter. The slightly
 weaker tone of the market is caused by the news
 that the cyanide (Mr. Quinn) has

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

BEST SCORE FOR NOVEMBER.
Twenty members entered for this competition, but very few cards were returned, and with the exception of the two leading scores the play was not particularly good.

Mr. C. A. Tomes	92	11	77
" H. W. Stadel	97	18	70
" C. H. Grace	98	12	86
" P. de C. Morris	101	13	88
" A. J. R. Greene, R.A.	108	12	96

AQUATICS.

Training for the Regatta to be held on the 10th and 11th inst. is going on apace, the various crews showing great improvement on recent form.

All the Binks have given notice that they will be closed at noon on the Regatta day. It is rumored that one of the "elites" may carry off before race day, but it is only a rumour and probably ill founded.

FOUND IN A WASTE-PAPER BASKET AND CAREFULLY STITCHED TOGETHER.

We have been favored, in strict confidence, with the first draft of the speech addressed by His Excellency the Governor to the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council on Thursday last. It was prepared, we are assured, by the general librettist of the A.D.C. from rough notes taken down at different times during the last month or so at His Excellency's dictation. It is not, of course, precisely the speech in the form in which it appears in our report of the Council meeting, but it is the raw material from which the speech actually delivered was elaborated first by the Private Secretary and afterwards, with very great labour by that master of language, the Colonial Secretary, and it is guaranteed to contain a far more accurate expression of His Excellency's opinions and feelings than that which was put into his mouth last Thursday afternoon. Its importance seems to us to fully justify its appearance in a conspicuous part of our columns. Here it is—

Honourable Gentlemen.—Having put off the meeting of the Legislative Council to the latest date possible I am compelled, very much against my will, to call you together and go through the force of asking your opinion and advice on matters about which I and my Colonial Secretary know far more than you do, and which I have not the faintest intention of acting upon, even if I were at liberty to do so, which I am not. The annoyance of having to meet you is very much lessened by the knowledge that, as it is so near the end of the year, and as the Estimates must be passed forthwith, no time can be wasted in useless debate.

I congratulate the Council, and myself, on the additions made to it. Mr. Major-General Black is bound by his official position to be silent and vote with me in all things. Mr. Wei A Yuk will only speak and vote as the Registrar-General directs him. He does not at all represent the Chinese. He is half English, so we will have no nonsense from him. The addition of the two new members to the Executive Council is an excellent move. It neutralizes two of the unofficial members in this Council. We can always prevent them from talking by calling their attention to their knowledge in Ex. Council. To prevent all further fuss and feathers about the Military Contribution you have got to pass an Ordinance fixing it at 75 per cent. for ever, or until further orders from the Secretary of State. It will be quite useless your opposing it or attempting to improve it. Chamberlain has directed it to be passed. You were foolish enough to ask for a percentage charge without thinking of what you were doing, and now you can't get out of it.

As it is so late in the year you must pass the Estimates and the Appropriation Ordinance in one or two sittings at the most. There is no time for any useless talking. Johnny has drawn them up cleverly that will the Revenue appears to be \$3,000 less this year than last, the Military Contribution is \$30,000 more, and I am blessed if I think you can find out how it has been done, smart as some of you are at figures. There is an increase in the expenses for roads. They want it precious badly and there are no many bicyclists about that it is beginning to be noticed.

The Sanitary Department is a hideous expense and will cost much more next year. Like the P. W. D., the more money it has the less work it seems to do. It has spent \$70,000 in killing over 1,000 people out of 1,200 attacked by the plague, and we are not in a bit better position than we were in 1894, if it should come again next year. The Board is in the same hopeless middle as it has been since the only intelligent members of it resigned. None of the officials out here want an official majority on it again. It was only a nuisance, and if you think that I intend to take any notice of your absurd publication you are most profoundly mistaken. Of course it made Chamber and Bellillo look foolish, but that is their business, not mine.

If you want any further information about the Estimates ask a clerk in Finance Committee. Don't bother me. He will answer you or not, as he pleases.

The Finances are looking up. Johnny tells me the Land Sales are already \$250,000 other sales have been \$100,000, so that in the Estimates as \$300,000 and he only estimates it for next year as \$400,000, so as to get some more Military Contribution out of you and get his name up at home. But you can talk to him about that.

[The fragment ended abruptly here, one word or two of the next paragraph being left.]

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Titan*, Capt. Geo. Ramsay, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour today. For the published telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges.

LONDON, November 10th.
The Messageries Maritimes steamer which arrived at Constantinople on Tuesday from Marmara reports a serious frost on Saturday to the British Vice-Consul at D-geschlag, Mr. Jacques A. Mink, who is also Postmaster at the French office there. The Customs officers wanted to open the letter bags which Mr. Mink was conveying to the steamer. On his protesting the soldiers on duty struck Mr. Mink on the face. The affair excitedly concerns the English and French Ambassadors, who are not likely in the present condition of the country to overlook its gravity.

A horrible story is brought by the mail just to hand from Havana. One of the many ugly accusations made from time to time against the Spanish authorities in Cuba is that prisoners taken from the police quarters in Havana and drowned at the entrance to the harbour, their bodies being devoured by the numerous sharks that infest the coast. It is said that sixty-three imprisoned rebels were thus disposed of on September 26th last.

SYDNEY, November 12th.
Messrs. Gibbs, Bright and Co. yesterday received a cable from London announcing the

death of William Dabbe, the well-known shipowner, of Aberdeen and London, and senior partner in the firm of Messrs Dabbe Bros., owners of the famous Dabbe line of ships.

LONDON, November 11th.
Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, is about to retire from the bench.

Lord Esher was appointed a Judge of Appeals in 1876, and in 1883 he succeeded Sir George Jessel as Master of the Rolls. He was created a Baron in 1885. Lord Esher is in his 81st year.

The English sculler Barry has challenged J. Gaudaur to row for the championship of the world. C. R. Harding, who was defeated by James Stanbury of New South Wales, selected to row Barry on the Thames for £100 a-side.

BRISBANE, November 11th.
The Government has decided to send a Commission to Egypt on Friday for Bullock Town, where he will further continue experiments in the destruction of rabbits with cholera virus.

Mr. J. F. Baily, of the Colonial Botanical Department, will accompany Mr. Pound to make a botanical examination of the Grey Range country about the Bollo River.

LONDON, November 12th.
In commenting on the speech delivered by the Marquis of Salisbury at the Guildhall banquet, the French newspapers interpret Lord Salisbury's refusal to relinquish an acre of territory at present occupied by Great Britain as applicable to Egypt. The journals express irritation at the British Premier's utterances, though they admit at the same time to recognize the apathy of the central Powers in Europe towards the evacuation of Egypt by Britain, and they consider that this fact prevents an expression of good feeling on the part of France towards Britain.

Dr. Macario, the Papal Envoy in Abyssinia, states that Russia is gazing at Ethiopia, and so menaces Egypt. Russia, he adds, intends to give the Abyssinians in fighting Great Britain in Africa.

English newspapers, which were some time ago forbidden to be admitted into Turkey on account of the hostile tone of some journals towards the Sultan, have now been readmitted into that country.

The St. Petersburg journal *Vidomost* contains an article suggesting that the Tsar would gladly mediate between France and Germany on condition that the French abandon the *revanche* and acquiesce in the occupation of Alsace-Lorraine by Germany. The suggestion has been received with delight in Germany.

The Court at Brussels has ordered Major Loebner to pay the expenses in the breach of promise action brought against him by Miss Olga Hecke.

The King of Sweden will probably be asked to nominate a jurist as the fifth arbitrator on the joint British and American tribunal to be appointed to settle claims arising out of the boundary disputes between British Guiana and Venezuela.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes recommends the British South Africa Company to raise £750,000 by the issue of debentures to complete the railway to Salisbury.

M. Havet, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday that the Powers had under consideration the question of demanding from the Sultan further reforms in addition to those he has already promised to carry into effect.

November 13th.
The German Government has submitted a note to the Reichstag for 7,000,000 marks (£1,300,000) for increasing the strength of the Navy. The vote is double the amount asked for last year.

The *Daily Telegraph* announces that the statement made by the *Joaneshburg Standard* to the effect that the Transvaal Government claimed £1,000,000 from the British South Africa Company as an indemnity for the Jameson raid is without foundation.

The British military authorities have granted permission to a large number of officers of the army to proceed to West Africa for service in the Royal Niger Company's Protectorate.

The object of the Niger Protectorate is to engage the services of British officers to assist the Emperor of Sokoto in repelling the rebel chief Rabih's threatened attack on Kano, one of the principal towns in the empire of Sokoto, the largest and most populous district in the Sudan, and under the control of the Royal Niger Company.

A committee of the French Chamber of Deputies has approved of the adoption of the Greenwich meridian and the abolition of that of Paris.

The *Temps* says that the claims of the United States to absolute supremacy in the western hemisphere constitute a serious derogation of the rights of Europe.

Mount Vesuvius has again broken out into active eruption. The eruption shows signs of increasing, and considerable alarm is felt in consequence.

In commenting on Lord Salisbury's speech at the Guildhall banquet, the newspapers on the Continent assert that Lord Salisbury's aim is the failure of British policy in East.

PRINTER'S DEVILS.

A STRIKE AT HIOGO.

There are few newspaper men who have not at some time had "experiences" with that interesting specimen of humanity yclept "the printer's devil." For sheer "cussedness" he certainly beats an army horse, and it is impossible to say how many clever articles and gems of journalistic thought have been spoiled by his exasperating pranks. We have seen him pelt people with type from an upstairs window of an office, and he has also taken the roller composition (a curious mixture of glue and treacle) for the purpose of pelting Chinese stockholders. A stray dog affords a lot of pleasure to the grimy little fellow who gets out of his way as he is completely disfigured as if he had been teaching French at Kilgobbin. One side of his face was daubed with red ink, the other with black, and his nose was a brilliant blue. The dog used for paste making powdered his hair, and his coat was stuck all over with streamers of pasted coloured paper. The effect of such decorations can be easily imagined. The P. D. had little to learn from his elders, as he chewed and smoked tobacco, drank beer or rum, and was a staunch adherent of the game of "Three-up" poker.

At the game of "Three-up" some of the foremen have had to keep a lieutenancy of a piece of machine belting handy for corrective purposes, and often after a chastisement the mother of the imp has sallied forth in maternal indignation and given the foreman a big bit of her mind for ill-treating her "little boy." Sometimes the unfortunate foreman has been summoned in such cases, and when a fine was inflicted his young persecutors in no way concealed their

disapproval from him. During one exciting election campaign a persons riot was nearly resulting from the tricks of some Printer's Devil. It was in the dusk of evening and the

polling place was opposite the newspaper office. The street outside was crowded with an eager throng waiting to hear the poll declared and navy feeling ran high. The youngsters from behind the office fence began to drop pieces of coal, great wads of wet paper, and paper bags filled with flour on the heads of the people. No one knew where the missiles came from, and soon angry partisans accused each other with having "put up the job." In some cases blows were struck and a big fire fight was only averted by the declaration of the poll.

In the Far East, although the P. D. succeeds in silencing his chiefs pretty badly at times he has not the originality of purpose that marks his Western brethren, but he has stuck out in a most up-to-date fashion at Hogo lately. On the 18th inst. the *Hogo News* reported that "just before the election the paper was ready for publication, the lamps of darkness were put out of the office carrying their light," etc., with a lot of and left without a messenger on the premises.

The reason for this step a whole day's investigation failed to disclose. No complaint had been made or request advanced. At midday some of the tribe greeted the office, at a safe distance, with shouts of "banzai," a thoughtful congratulation that we duly appreciated. The delivery was made by unaccustomed jinkish coolies, and for any mistakes or defaults we have to crave our readers' indulgence. There are not difficult to procure and another staff is already forming; but efficiency cannot be guaranteed all at once. The men employed were as much taken by surprise as ourselves; but they came gallantly to the rescue, and having set and printed the paper they also folded it and assisted in every way in its despatch. Printers' Devils are Devils the whole world over. In one case at least one of the gang found his paternal root to hot to cover him last night.

It is well, perhaps, if it would be better to say nothing about it at present, except that there are laws in force here which protect employers as well as employees.

RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST.

Our conservative London contemporary *The Globe* says—So engrossed has this country been lately with the course of politics in the Near East that little or no attention has been paid to the march of events in the Far East. Yet Russia is all this time working out a bold and masterly line of policy in that part of the world, and it is well that we should realize the necessity of keeping a watchful eye upon both ends of her dominions.

Ever since the conclusion of the Chino-Japanese war, the Northern Column has placed her eyes heavily on the Korean peninsula. It is true that the Japanese had a prior right there, but Russia by means of intrigue and threats, has succeeded in making the King her creature, and the Government subservient to her wishes. Now comes to hand a piece of news which has received little or no attention in this country, but which is nevertheless of considerable importance, both to ourselves and Europe generally. Two railway concessions have just been signed, one being granted for a line from the port of Chemulpo to Seoul, the capital, and another from the capital to Wiju, on the Chinese frontier. At the same time, Russia has obtained a "lease" of land on the seaboard for a cooling station. Now it is hardly to be supposed that the line is meant to be Wiju, as a permanent terminus. Rather may we expect to see it continued before long to the northward to touch that powerful arm which Russia is stretching over Northern Asia, her Great Siberian Railway. When we remember, too, that no fewer than 40,000 men are now concentrated on the Russo-Korean frontier, and that the most powerful Russian fleet ever in Pacific waters is now assembling near Vladivostok, it requires no wonderful amount of perspicacity to realize that our Northern rival is contemplating a bold move on the political chess-board of the Far East. Chemulpo, let it be remembered, is a very nice roadstead, open all the year round, and a suitable port, in fact, for one of the termini of the Siberian Railway. Let us sincerely hope that our Government is keeping a careful eye on British interests in these regions.

The following note is from the *Saturday Review*:—Russia steadily presses forward in the Far East. She has now consented, in reply to a special embassy from Seoul, that she shall be diplomatically represented at St. Petersburg, though with the King of Korea resident at Russian Legation in Seoul, there does not seem much reason why he should appoint a Minister to the Russian capital when the Foreign Office there would do all his business for him free of expense. But it is better, of course, especially from a Russian point of view, Mr. Waecher, the Russian *Chargé d'Affaires* at Seoul, is a very clever man and has won the complete confidence of the Koreans—no much so, that the Korean Government, a curious little billiard sheet published by the capital, has little doubt that Mr. Waecher's appointment to be Minister as a signal that Russia will maintain and strengthen the independent sovereignty of the nation. Moreover, Russian "merchants" are beginning to be interested in Korea as well as Russian officials and military men, and the last mail brings news of a curious timber concession granted to a Russian subject by the Korean Government, in which an undertaking is made by the Korean ruler to deposit 150,000 roubles in the "Russian-Chinese Bank" as a guarantee of good faith. It is evident that Japan must make up her mind that her formidable Northern neighbour has come to Korea to stay.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 14th.
Lord Lansdowne, speaking at the Colston banquet at Bristol, protested against the apathy of the public in military matters and urged the need of a thoroughly efficient army.

BOMBAY, November 14th.
The death of Mr. F. H. O. Smith, Manager of Messrs. C. O. Smith and Co., on Thursday morning, was a great surprise to his friends, but it was not until yesterday it became known that the case was one of bubonic fever. Mr. Sherman was apparently in good health when he went up to Poona in company with his mother on Monday last, but he became suddenly ill while in the Deccan express and returned to Bombay by Tuesday night's mail train. On reaching home his condition became serious, and Dr. Sidney Smith was sent for. He advised the patient's removal to St. George's Hospital. Mr. Sherman was taken there at six o'clock in the evening and died at 2 a.m. on the following day.

The authorities at the hospital have no doubt the case was one of bubonic fever, and, needless to say, care was taken to disinfect the ward where the patient died. The case possesses a melancholy interest, since it is the first fatal attack of bubonic fever that has occurred in the European community.

Mr. Sherman, who was slightly built, was far from robust and frequently suffered from fever, but the circumstances under which he contracted bubonic fever are not known. He was 37 years of age.

November 17th.
The plague returns to-day show 12 new cases and 10 deaths.

November 18th.
The returns give eleven cases and seven deaths, bringing up the total of mortality to 477.

CALCUTTA, November 17th.

It is reported that a large number of rats are found dead every morning in the native part of the town. This is looked upon as an ominous sign, as a similar state of affairs preceded the bubonic plague outbreak in Bombay. The cleansing of the town continues.

CALCUTTA, November 18th.

After a prolonged discussion at the Municipal meeting the motion of the Hon. Mr. Stevens to continue the anti-cholera inoculation experiments at municipal expense was rejected. Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Sanders characterized these experiments as illegal, dangerous, and absolutely useless. Every new cure, he said, first of all cured everything, secondly it cured something, and thirdly, it cured nothing. The following amendment was carried by eighteen to fifteen votes:—That the experiments be continued till the end of the financial year and that thereafter the Commissioners cease to carry on these experiments solely on their own account. Mr. Stevens read a letter from the great scientist Dr. Klein, in support of anti-cholera inoculation.

The press generally disapproves of the action of the Municipality in rejecting Mr. Stevens's motion.

LONDON, November 17th.

The *London Gazette* contains the following list of honours for the Nile expedition:—

To be Knight Commander of the Bath, The Sir David, Sir H. H. Kitchener.

To be Companions of the Bath: Colonel Campbell, Surgeon-General, Colonel Sanders, Colonel Elliott, Surgeon, and Currie, and Commander Colville, Royal Navy, who is also promoted to be Captain.

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order: Surgeons Hunter and Pantom, Major Martyn and Haygate, Captain Legge, Major Murray, Griffiths, Flitton, and Watson, Lieutenants Goring, Grouard, and Beatty (Royal Navy), besides Honorary Colonel Fatty Bey.

The following promotions are made:—

To be Major-Generals (7), Major-General Hunter and Major-General Campbell.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel: Major Lloyd.

To be Second Lieutenant: Sergeant-Major Bailey and Colour-Sergeant Flint.

To be Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel: Major Parsons, Travels, Lewis, Kitchener, Burn-Murdoch, Paine, Collins, De Brath, Captain Wingate, Maxwell, David, and Townsend.

To be Brevet-Major: Captains Tudway, Shickleton, Hickman, Sparks, Sney, Kincaid, Egerton, Young, Milford, Jackson, Gordon, Bower, Maxwell, and Cade.

To be Brevet-Major: Quartermaster Drago. Surgeon-Signals is promoted to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel.

November 18th.

Mr. Balfour speaking at Rode said Great Britain was organizing and means to continue organizing the province of Doreval.

CALCUTTA, November 18th.

An envoy from the Chinese Court named Chan Taihi has arrived in Calcutta on a visit to the Viceroy. He is a member of the third class and will be joined in a few days by three companions. The object of the visit is stated to be to discuss certain political matters with the British Foreign Office. The Viceroy's advice is to be taken in the first instance.

LONDON, November 18th.

The Government have decided to grant a medal for the Matabel operations of 1893.

CHIPS FROM AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGES.

From exchanges received this morning by the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Titan* (Capt. G. Ramsay) from Sydney via ports we extract the following items:—

SYDNEY, November 8th.

The Legislative Council has passed the final readings of the Coloured Races Restriction Bill after considerable debate. On the second reading several members objected to the bill, the desirability of it as a measure of self-protection, and said it would prevent British subjects landing in the colony. The Council has made amendments providing that the Act shall not apply to ministers of religion, native missionaries, scientists or students, together with their wives, families or servants, and the Governor is given power to exempt any persons from the Act. The bill has been returned to the Assembly.

A man named Hepburn is now hanging at Coopers Aquarium for exhibition purposes. He was swung into space on Sunday, the 8th Nov., before a large audience, and he will be put to death by execution, and is to be cut down on the 25th inst. and restored to life by some secret process.

A strike amongst the *Harvard* reporters has been narrowly averted. The Session in Parliament was a particularly heavy one, and on its conclusion the Speaker consented to the *Harvard* staff being sent to the Federal Convention at Bathurst opening on November 16th. The reporters objected to this, more particularly as the Conference is a private undertaking and there were plenty of men who would be glad to get the work. The *Harvard* men at last decided to go to Bathurst, and the speaker decided to let the matter drop.

Burglaries are very rife at present. A few nights ago the house of Sir Anley Cooper was entered and robbed, a large amount of old family plate, jewellery, &c. being stolen. On the 6th the residence of the Hon. E. Vickery was visited and the burglars made a large haul of silver plate. On the same night three other houses were broken into and money and property stolen.

MELBOURNE, November 8th.

A scene was created on board the steamer *Gulf of Stann* when leaving Melbourne for the coast of Western Australia, a horse dealer, aged 29. About seven months ago Sligley sent his wife and family to Adelaide, ostensibly for the benefit of their health. He has since taken two consignments of horses to India, and after the last trip he met Mrs. Mitchell, who had been a housekeeper to a man named Robert. Mrs. Mitchell had a daughter aged 18 years, and Sligley proposed that they should leave Australia. Mrs. Mitchell at first declined, but on Sligley threatening suicide she consented. He took passages for Mr. and Mrs. Sligley and Miss Mitchell by the *Gulf of Stann* for Natal. In the meantime Robert wrote to Mrs. Sligley in Adelaide, and gave the whole matter away. The wronged wife came to Melbourne, and securing a warrant for the arrest of her husband and her female friends accompanied her to the coast. Sligley was taken into custody by the police and was released and locked up on a charge of wife-debauchery.

BRISBANE, November 8th.
H.M.S. *Pythias* arrived yesterday off a lengthy cruise in the Solomon Group. While at San Cristobal she investigated the case of the British trader Hume, who was murdered by the natives in June last. When at Ugl they murdered him with tomahawks, alleging that he oversteered them, and that one died from this cause. They then returned to their native village on San Cristobal, three miles inland. The *Pythias* anchored as close as possible to the spot, and sent a detachment of blue jackets ashore with the object of punishing the murderers, but this was impossible, owing to the inaccessible state of the country.

MELBOURNE, November 8th.
The report of the Public Service Board in connection with the alleged thefts by

stamps by officers of the Postal Department has been submitted to the Government. The board recommended that some substantial reductions be made in the salaries of the officers concerned and the Cabinet are likely to agree to the proposals.

SYDNEY, November 9th.

As the Rev. Mr. Martin had just finished the sermon at the St. Andrew's Church last evening, and was giving out the last hymn, the chain supporting the central lamp gave way. The lamp fell, and the lighted oil spread over the floor, causing a general rush for the door, which fortunately opened outwards. A gentleman, with great presence of mind, dragged the burning matting down the central aisle and outside. The congregation returned to their seats, sang the Doxology, and retired. The text was curiously appropriate. "Be ye also ready."

SYDNEY, November 10th.

The Adelaide S.S. Co.'s steamer *Prinsville* arrived yesterday from Brisbane after a fearfully pious passage. The heavy gale on the 3rd had done much damage to the ship, and the crew were washed off the deck and overboard, besides taking quantities of fruit overboard. Tarps were torn off the batches, and the batters carried away. A good deal of water got below into the holds. At midnight, during one of the heaviest squalls, the chain of the steering gear carried away, and for about half an hour the steamer was in imminent danger of foundering. Under great difficulty the after steering gear was connected, and the vessel once more brought under control. During this time she strained heavily, and considerable damage was done to the fittings. The iron rails of the bridge were bent almost double, and all the woodwork at the side of the bridge carried away. For 25 hours the steamer was eased down, and a most anxious time was spent by all on board. The passengers in the steerage were taken up, as it was impossible to bathe them down in their quarters. At about 6 o'clock on November 4th the weather moderated sufficiently to allow the steamer to be given more steam, and Sydney Heads were entered at about 9 p.m.

At the Cooksland Quarantine Station, Constable C. D. Connolly was sentenced to three years' hard labour for brutal ill-treating a drunken man whom he had in custody.

BRISBANE, November 10th.
News of a tragedy at sea, on board the British ship *Blenclyffe*, was received here yesterday when the vessel arrived from New York. On August 1st, the cook, an American negro named John Godfrey, was taken ill, and complained that he was unable to work. He continued ill for over a fortnight. On the evening of the fifteenth day while the captain was in his cabin two seamen came running all bleeding profusely from wounds inflicted by Godfrey. The captain went on deck with his revolver, and heard Godfrey say, "You'll shoot me, will you?" At the same time a shot was fired, and the second mate reported that Samuel Lewis, a seaman, was lying mortally wounded. This man died ten minutes afterwards. Godfrey ran into the fore-cabin and refused to come out. J. Silva and W. Wicks, the wounded seamen, were asleep in their bunks when fired at. Early the next morning a party were going forward armed with revolvers, when Godfrey walked out of the fore-cabin and again opened fire. The ship *Blenclyffe* have in sight, and was signalled, the captain asking if it could let him have some fresh meat. The answer was "No." Shots were exchanged all day, but Godfrey sheltered himself in the fore-cabin. The following day Godfrey was missed, and it was decided to go forward at all risks. A search was made, but he could not be found. A document lying in his bunk stated that he wanted all his effects thrown overboard after him. It also further stated that he intended to shoot both the seamen he had wounded. He evidently had committed suicide by jumping overboard.

THE GREEN ISLAND PRACY CASE.
The case of Regina v. Chan Cheung and Ho Yau, charged with piracy on a fishing boat off Green Island on October 22nd, was resumed today before His Lordship the Chief Justice and a special jury. Mr. Pollock (Acting Attorney-General) conducted the prosecution and Dr. Ho Kai appeared for the defence, having been assigned by the Crown.

A similarity of evidence similar to that taken at the Police Court was given and the Court adjourned till 10 a.m. on Monday.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.
Before His Honour T. Sercombe-Smith and Captain Hastings. (Nautical Assessor.)

December 5th.
FREWEN v. HILBERG.

This was a claim for \$100,000 compensation for damage alleged to have been sustained by a pilot boat, the property of plaintiff, through a collision with the Swedish steamer *Victoria* commanded by the defendant. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Hastings of Mr. Deacon's office) appeared for the defendant.

The evidence of plaintiff was that his boat, a decked craft, 38 ft long and 8 ft beam, was lying off Swatow on April 18th when the steamer was sighted. He had his pilot flag flying and expected the steamer to pick him up. The steamer apparently thought he was going to cross her bows, when he was making for her starboard side, and she the *Victoria* ported her helm and ran into him, cutting through his boat. Witness was cross-examined at some length by counsel by Captain Hilberg, who denied that the collision happened through the fault of the steamer and he contradicted the statement that the pilot was flying a flag at the time.

The case stands adjourned till Monday next at 11 a.m.

THE CAREW CASE.
Yokohama, November 10th.
An application for habeas corpus by Mr. Lowder on behalf of Mrs. Carew, who has been committed for trial on the charge of murdering her husband, has been refused by the judge of H.B.M. Court. The application was made to His Honour in chambers.

In referring to this case the *China Gazette* says Mrs. Carew is related to a well-known member of the I.M. Customs at Shanghai. Our contemporary adds that many Shanghai residents saw Mr. and Mrs. Carew at the hotel in Yokohama in August and September, and that the husband and wife, who were accompanied by their two children, were apparently on the best terms.

At the close of the proceedings Mrs. Carew proceeded to her home on the bluff, accompanied by Mr. Kicher (constable of H.B.M. Constable), and was taken to the British Consulate in the Settlement, where she is now being held.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE:
French (*Tamisi*) 8 h inst.
American (*City of Rio de Janeiro*) 13th inst.
English (*City of London*) 16th inst.
German (*Bayern*) 20th inst.
Austrian (*City of Prague*) 23rd inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 30th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of India* left Yokohama for Vancouver yesterday afternoon.

THE D.D.R. steamship *Bellona*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

THE Imperial German Mail steamer *Bayern*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin to the 16th inst., left Colombo for this port yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 15th inst.

THE M.M. steamer *Tamisi*, with the French mail *St. Raphael* of the 6th November, left Saigon for this port to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst. This vessel brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th September.

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896. [1859]

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(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS, to NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH AND CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA."

Captain Griseogon, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896. [1732]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE."

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896. [1860]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. L. 3/4 m. American Ship

"WILLIAM H. SMITH."

Wilson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [1612]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. L. 3/4 m. British Ship

"CLAN MACFARLANE."

Templeton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1896. [1735]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. L. 3/4 m. British Barque.

"MATTERHORN."

Captain J. Williams, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1840]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. L. 3/4 m. American Barque

"PENOBSCOT."

Captain Macdonald, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

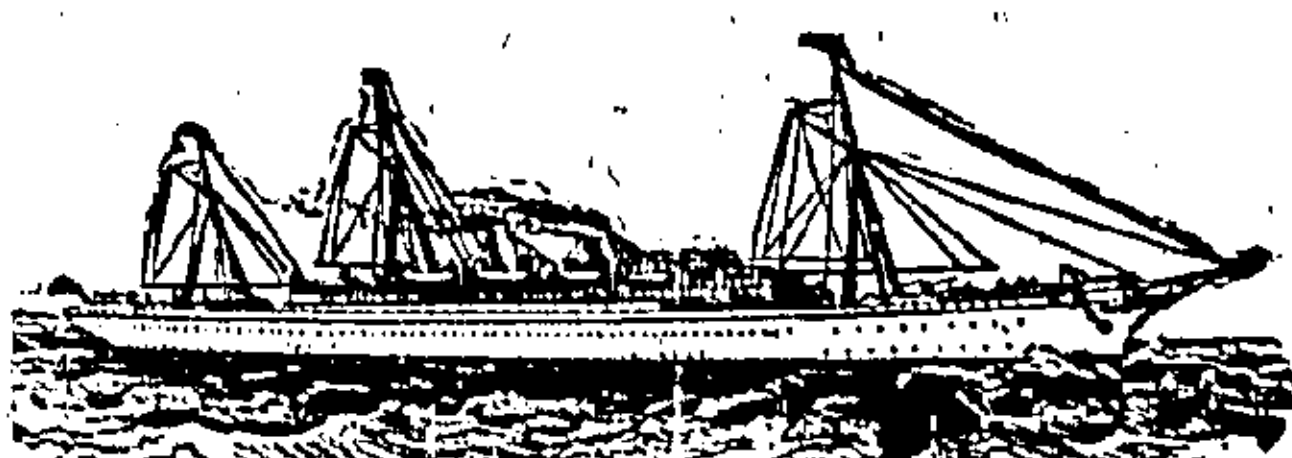
For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, HARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1896. [1845]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 23rd December.

EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897

EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent from the PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various ports at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months, £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway runs.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Paddar's Street. [3]

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 19th Dec., at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Thursday, 7th Jan., at Noon, 1897.

City of Asia (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Tuesday, 29th Dec., at Noon.

City of Europe (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 10th December, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding ORDERS FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (for *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 7 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th November 1896. [1845]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

HARTMAN'S PATENT GENUINE CONCENTRATION RED BAIT BRAND, HARTMAN'S GREY PAINT, DAIHLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES &c., &c.

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FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM

P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897.

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.

Excellent accommodations. First-class Table, Doctor and Stewardess carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK \$350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE Mountains. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.

Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Tacoma 1,540 | Tuesday ... | Dec. 8.

Victoria 1,671 | Tuesday ... | Dec. 20.

Olympia 1,681 | Tuesday ... | Jan. 10.

Brasmar 1,601 | Tuesday ... | Feb. 9.

Tacoma 1,540 | Tuesday ... | Mar. 2.

THE Steamship

"TACOMA"

Captain T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th December, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1896. [1846]

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANT.

BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Sachsen Wednesday | 9th Dec.

Bayern Tuesday ... | 5th Jan.

Prinz Heinrich ... | Tuesday ... | and Feb.

Prinzess Tuesday ... | and March.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of Dec., 1896, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "SACHSEN" Capt. H. Supper, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 7th Dec., and Cargo and Speeds will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 8th Dec., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 8th Dec. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cube in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and a St